#### STATE OF WASHINGTON

# **DEPARTMENT OF FISH & WILDLIFE** LANDS AND RESTORATION SERVICES PROGRAM

Salmonid Screening, Habitat Enhancement & Restoration Division (SSHEAR)

## OFF-CHANNEL SITE INVENTORY DATA

**General Information:** 

Region: North Coast

Observer(s): Nettnin

River System: Sol Duc

Date: 3/10/98

Site Identifier: S-0314

WRIA: 20.0314

River Mile Location: 3.7mi.

RB/LB: RS (Right Shore)

Local Name: Unnamed

Trib. to: Lake Pleasant (20.0313)

Legal Description: SE 1/4 Sec 26 T30N R13W

County: Clallam

Habitat Type: Valley Wall Trib

Landowner: () Federal () State () County () Other Government (X) Private

- Possibly Rayonier Timber Operations Company

- Other unknown private owners

#### Directions to site:

North from Forks on Highway 101 to MP 200.5. Turn left onto West Lake Pleasant Road, then turn to the right just past the bridge over Lake Creek. Continue to the end of the blacktop. Just beyond the beginning of the gravel road (9000 line) is 20.0314.

#### Site Overview:

This is one of the larger tributaries in the Lake Creek system. This channel flows off the southeast flank of Tyee Ridge through a V-notch valley. It drains approximately 200 acres of harvested, commercial forest. In the past, water from this tributary was used for commercial and/or domestic use. The dam is abandoned and is in very poor condition. It is still a barrier. The overall length of the stream is about 1.2 miles, the usable length is about 0.3 mile.

### **Habitat Information:**

Water source: Tributaries and surface runoff

Intermittent/year-around: Year-around

Estimated flows (cfs):

Lower end: 1 - 3

Upper end: 1 - 3

Water temperatures:

Lower end: 6.5°C

Upper end: 6.5°C

Adjacent stream temperature (Lake Pleasant): 6.5°C

Other water observations: Clear water

Site area measurements: () Indirect () Direct (X) Combination

Widths: Channel- 3.0 - 4.0 m Pond- NA

Wetlands- NA

Depths: Channel- 8 - 25 cm Pond- NA

Wetlands- NA

Total length surveyed (includes ponds and wetlands): 530 m

Total existing habitat area (est.): ≈1600 m²

Spawning area: ≈100 m² Impounded area: 0 m² Other rearing area: 1500 m²

Spawning Habitat conditions: () None () Poor () Fair (X) Good () Excellent

## Describe spawning habitat:

- Numerous tailout and riffles.
- Fines degrade the spawning gravel quality in some areas but it is good overall.

Rearing habitat conditions: () None () Poor (X) Fair () Good () Excellent

# Describe pond and other rearing habitat:

- The reach below the 9000 line has a gradient between one and five percent. There are pools and glides that coho can use.
- The reach above the 9000 line is steeper (7 22%) with a pool/step profile which favors trout.

#### Describe unaccessible habitat:

- The 200 meter reach above the old dam is 12 22% pool/step.
- There is log jam that poses a problem. A cascade of steps that have falls of one to two meters onto boulders. Then, there is a eight meter high debris pile which appears have been a sluice deposit.

Describe wetland: () Bog () Marsh () Scrub-shrub Wetland () Forested Wetland

- None associated with this channel.

Flooding potential: () Low () Medium (X) High

- Flashy flows from within the system.

# Fish Information:

Site entry condition to Lake Creek: () Poor () Fair (X) Good

#### Coho access and use:

Juvenile- (X) Unknown () None () Poor () Fair () Good Adult- (X) Unknown () None () Poor () Fair () Good

- Spawning is documented in this stream. Data is available from the Quileute tribe or from WDFW.

## Other species access and use: () Chum () Pink (X) Sockeye () Chinook (X) Trout

- It is assumed trout use this stream. One 8 10 cm fish was observed.
- It is possible sockeye use this stream for spawning.
- Access is open to all species.

### **Habitat Improvements:**

# **Enhancement opportunities:**

Possible project type:

- Remove the trash from the stream: Plastic sheeting, barrel, vacuum, axle, transmission, etc. This was proposed to DNR for a community cleanup project. Unsure if it was ever completed.
- Replace both multiple culvert crossings.
- Maintain the integrity of the stream.

Equipment access: Good access.

# **Additional Comments:**

- Appears that the reach around the lower road crossing (private) is dredged from time to time.
- The old dam has a concrete face, the RB is beginning to wash out.
- There was an abundance of trash on the banks and in the stream where it flows near residences.

# **Attachments Available:**

Contact respective SSHEAR habitat biologist for the following checked items:

() Aerials (X) Sketch (X) Maps (X) Culvert Report

() Other references (X) Spawning surveys () Juvenile trapping () Fishway Report



